# Upcoming Play and Learn Play Dates

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
February 2 — Grand opening

Spring Session February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8

Fall Session October 11, 18, 25 Nov 1, 8

Call or stop by the library for more information

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- Building Foundations for Early Learning



# Play and Learn Play Date

Family Place Libraries build on the knowledge that family members and caregivers are every child's first teachers by assisting with a new family centered library service. Play and Learn is an informal play date with library staff and resource specialists from within our community. Resource specialists will have knowledge in nutrition, growth, speech and hearing and music and movement.



#### **Key Features**

- Play and Learn five week program that involves toddlers and their parents/caregivers
- Features local professionals who serve as information resource specialists
- Emphasizes the role of parents/ caregivers as first teachers
- Facilitates early intervention
- New collection of books, toys, music for babies, toddlers, parents/caregivers
- Specially redesigned, welcoming and developmentally appropriate public space within the library for families with young children
- Collaborative work from within our community to connect parents to available local resources
- Age appropriate events within the library for very young children and their caregivers
- Access to librarians trained in family support, child development, and parent education

### Play to Learn

### **Play Date Invitation**

**Audience**: Children birth through three years old along with their parent / caregiver.

When: Will be regularly scheduled for 5-weeks, twice a year. Once in the Spring and repeated again in the Fall.

What Happens: This is a play-based program presented in an informal setting with toys, art-activities and a materials resource area that contains parenting and early childhood materials for checkout.

Why: Encourages parents/caregivers and children to play together, network with other parents, become familiar with the library staff as well as connect with local health and human service professionals from our community.



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